









## PINE LEVEL NEWS

Farmers must be getting along pretty good with their work, as I see several from around here were fishing Saturday afternoon. Think everybody is most through planting.

A large crowd attended and seemed to enjoy the B. T. U. Sunday night.

A good many children in the community are having whooping cough.

Orel Bryan, who has been real sick, is improving.

Mr. Grady Redmon and family spent a few days last week with relatives in this community.

Everybody enjoyed the vocational meeting Monday night, also the cake and ice cream. Glad to have the vocational teacher from Kinston with us. Glad to have Miss Graham back again and everyone is looking forward to her coming again May 22nd.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cooper is very sick. Hope he soon recovers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. James Bryan.

Willie Mae Blair was the special guest of Maureen Nelson Saturday night.

Willie Nelson spent Sunday with Annie Jean Clark.

Claude Mae Morgan spent Saturday night with Mary Sue Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter visited in this community Sunday.

**BAPTIST GIRLS HAVE DELIGHTFUL MEETING.**

The Intermediate girls of the Baptist Sunday School met in the home of Gwendolyn Boutwell on April 22nd. Devotional was given by Maggie Dean Clark and Martha Frances Downing, president.

Presided over the business meeting, at which time she appointed Betty Braswell on the membership committee. Officers are as follows:

President—Martha Frances Downing.  
Vice-President—Gwendolyn Boutwell.  
Secretary—Ida Isabel Whitman.  
Treasurer—Jean Rhodes.

Reporter—Maggie Dean Clark.  
Membership Committee—Betty Braswell, Carolyn Russ and Betty Jean Bullard.  
Program Committee—Elizabeth Fleming.  
Social Committee—Mary Will Kendrick.

The group sang "Have Thine Own Way," after which a delightful contest was conducted. Jean Rhodes rendered a lovely piano solo. After the program a delicious salad plate was served to the ten members present.

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## LIBERTY NEWS

Elba, Ala., April 30.

Here we are with the last day of this pretty month. My, how this week of time rolls on! April has not been as pretty as usual. It has had lots of cold days. Some ice.

We farmers have had a time. King Cotton has been slow about coming up. Some early planted got up but the cold like to have got it. Many have had to plant over. Some have replanted the slips with a hoe, which is a very new job. We doubt if it ever pays.

Oh, well, we farmers have our ups and downs, but there are more sunny days up, but this world could not get along well without the farmer. The old prophet, Elijah, called Elah, a big farmer of his day, to go with him.

We are most of us put guano under our corn. You see, we are in need of corn, so we wanted to hurry it up. Corn is all small, but where it was not fertilized, it has two or three blades. There were some corns sowed last fall, but some of them were winter killed. We see Mr. Ed Campbell has a nice field of oats which will make good feed, enough to finish this crop. Mr. Stokes has some oats which will make a lot of feed. The cold thinned them out, but they will be a lot of help.

If we have pretty weather for a while some of the farmers will forget last year and begin to sing "The Golden Slippers." The farmer has more faith than any one in earth. If he fails one year, he works the harder the next year.

Most every one is getting on very well. Mr. J. W. Hall's son has been quite sick the last week. John Frank Foley has been unable to work the past week with his cold. He made a fine trip with his classmates to Mobile on the 20th and fell and hurt his knee. He sure has had a time but is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carpenter spent Sunday with J. W. Hall.

There was a fine crowd at Pine Level Monday night, as it was Mr. Walsh's regular date to meet his club. As the club had planned to have some refreshments, they planned to have a joint meeting with the ladies. Miss Patterson invited her club, as we decided to serve cake and cream. Mr. Walsh was to pay the cream. The club members were to bring the cake.

We were to pay for the cream. We so we had plenty of both. We had a real feast which everyone enjoyed very much. There were fifty some odd present. Miss Graham was present and led the class in some plays and games which soon got the other ones that had passed the three-score-and-ten mark back. It seemed like ten scores. I never saw Mr. S. A. Oliver appear so young. Mr. John Taylor seemed like he might be in the 'teen age. Mr. Claud Bailey and Mr. O. O. Cooper seemed quite young. Mr. Henry Eichenburg seemed quite young. The older ladies seemed like youth had overtaken them again. We were proud to have the vocational teacher from Kinston present, also Miss Drinkard. They took a fine part in the games. As I can't half tell the story I will have to bring this to a close. We thank Mr. Walsh for his fine service here among us. Also Miss Patterson. In fact, every one that took a hand.

Sunday evening, as I was ready to drive to church, my nephew, T. J. Driver, of Columbus Ga., his son-in-law, Ernest Mainer, and wife, Mary, and little son came by on their way back to Columbus. They had been to Pensacola, Fla., where they had visited Mr. Mainer's mother.

Brother Seibert was at his best Sunday evening. Very nice crowd present. Several visitors from

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## PLEASANT RIDGE NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Goodson and son spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Goodson.

Mrs. George Stone and daughter, Betty, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Louie Rachel and family.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marley's Saturday night was attended by a large crowd. Every one reported having a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lafferton spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Rachel.

Mr. and Mrs. Maudie Harrison and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Escar Harrison and family.

Mrs. Lucious Perkins and daughters spent Friday with Mrs. Bessie Goodson and children.

Mr. Frank Harper was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Silver and children and Mr. Charlie Lafferton were visitors in the Victoria community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bonneau spent the weekend in Birmingham, guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. English. They motored back to Elba in a new Chevrolet truck.

Prof. J. C. Dixon and Messrs. James and Willard Martin were visitors to Tuscaloosa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blue McCollough and little daughter, Charlotte, and Mrs. John McCollough of Albany, Ga., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Vaughn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Murphree was a guest in the home of Mr. McCord. He lived here a long time. We all low in sorrow with his loved ones. With best wishes to all.

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(Paid political advertisement by Carl Folsom, Elba, Ala.)

Miss Jean Franklin of Union Springs was a recent guest of Miss Nell Brock.

Miss Gladys Miller has returned home after spending the past two weeks in Atlanta as the guest of Miss Elizabeth Holland. Miss Holland and Miss Miller also visited in Mobile and Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bonneau spent Tuesday in Panama City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams and son, John, and Mrs. Vivian Adams of Ozark were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bryan Sunday.

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## A Good House Deserves An Even Better Foundation

By H. W. DEARING  
Assistant Extension Agricultural Engineer

MANY farm families making home improvements are beginning at the bottom of their job, that is, the foundation of the house. Farm homes on the average have poor foundations which do not sufficiently anchor the house to prevent damage by high winds.

Another fault is flimsiness which contributes to the destruction of the home by rot and termites (wood eating insects). Winter winds whistling under the floors have made the heating of the home a greater problem. This soon gives way to the problem of keeping the hens from laying eggs far up under the house. Pigs and chickens both emerge from beneath the house looking somewhat alike.

These are some of the reasons for underpinning the house, but the improvement in appearance will be just as apparent when the job is finished.

The only suitable type of material which is usually available for underpinning farm homes, is masonry. This may be constructed of brick, stone or concrete.

Before starting, all existing piers should be checked and the floors leveled. All wooden props should be removed. There should be no wooden supports connecting the house to the ground because termites can work their way into the house sills and girders through wooden supports.

State is the recommended material for shims to be used on piers when leveling floors but heart pine shingles will serve. Anchor bolts should be installed every eight or ten feet to provide security against high winds.

Ventilators should be provided at about the same spacing to admit enough light and air to prevent dampness which is essential to termite damage. Temporary closures may be placed in the open-

ings during extremely cold weather.

Foundation piers should extend to firm, undisturbed sub-soil and to a depth below that to which erosion might occur. The usual depth is one foot and six inches to two feet.

Where foundation piers are already properly constructed the underpinning placed between piers need not extend to a depth greater than that to which erosion might occur or frost might penetrate. Usually this depth need not be more than one foot.

Underpinning does not require the special foundation that supporting piers should have. The underpinning footing should be about eight inches wide.

To secure the new masonry to the old piers, 20 penny nails may be driven in the mortar joints of the piers. The nails should be left projecting to anchor the new work. Corrugated, galvanized steel wall ties or wire may be nailed in place with smaller common nails.

In joining new work to old, the old work should be cleaned if mud or dirt has collected on the piers. All foundations should be at least one foot and six inches high.

The masonry underpinning may be stopped at this point where the house is elevated several feet. The underpinning from this height, up to the sill, may be wooden but continuation of the masonry would be better. Lattice should not be in contact with the ground because it will provide an easy road for termites.

Where the house is elevated several feet above the ground at the rear or side, it will often be possible to dig a cellar for food storage.

Underpinning a home improves appearance, comfort, and where plumbing has been installed, provides protection against freezing. The work may be done a little at a time and local materials and labor should be used.



Farmers of the Douglas community in Marshall County are shown having their cottonseed treated with "mercury dust"—or two percent of ethyl mercuric chloride. This treatment is especially prepared to prevent root diseases of cotton.

While the treatment is recommended, extreme care should be taken not to use the seed for any purpose except planting. Under no circumstances should livestock be allowed to eat such seed and no treated seed should be sold to mills to be crushed.

## Recreation Can Build Up Your Community's Spirit

By MRS. J. F. HOLLADAY  
Dallas County

AT least once a month the Casey home demonstration club in Dallas County sponsors a community recreation night. These recreation nights have helped to build up a spirit of understanding and cooperating in the community.

Diversions rather than work is the true meaning of real recreation. Beginning with childhood we need recreation. While young it develops personality of character and as we grow older it molds a comradeship about us that is everlasting.

Recreation in community life brings us together on the same level, creating a friendship and loyalty that is almost as binding as kinship.

In our own little community at Casey we derive great pleasure from "getting together," free from the cares and worries that are often ours in our everyday life.

We have different forms of recreation in our community. Sometimes we have a "social" in the form of a supper, and gathered around a sumptuous table we find ourselves in such a genial state of mind that any problems we want to discuss for the betterment of our community are easily solved.

Recreation in the Casey community has proven to be what the wonderful age in which we now live acclaims it to be. We see and know each other with a friendly understanding unafraid of bickering and strife.

and winter legumes in recent months. Conecuh farmers have also planted 170 pounds of Kudzu seed which are expected to produce seedlings for 1940-41 plantings.

The "Pineywoods" farmers are not being left out of the livestock picture. C. D. Scott of Yellow Pine in Washington County, has developed 115 acres of improved permanent pasture. He began three years ago by clearing all bushes and briars off the land, later liming and phosphating 13 acres of land. Dallas grass and common lespedeza were sowed and as additional acreage has been cultivated white Dutch clover and other grasses have been added.

In Lauderdale the goal is to get 2,000 permanent pastures developed. In this county application of lime and calcium silicate are recommended for the first year, to be followed up by superphosphate and seeding Dallas grass, orchard grass, blue grass, white Dutch clover and lespedeza are included in the seeding recommendations.

Permanent work has also made possible the development of a wide-spread movement toward small farm dairies. While the past year has been a hard one on small dairy herds because of the shortage of feed and the severe winter few owners are planning to go out of the business.

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## Making Home A Better Place

MRS. Bertha Roberson, member of the Abbeville home demonstration club, has learned that with a little expenditure of money and a lot of work she can have some of the comforts of a home.

Mrs. Roberson has made three innerspring mattresses at the total cost of \$15.75. She already had the cotton so the price of that is not included. She also made a studio couch for her living room after seeing the studio couch demonstration. The total cost of her couch was \$15.00. Mrs. Roberson said, "I have had so much company since I made my couch I just don't see how I could have gotten along without it. It certainly is comfortable to sleep on too."

Mrs. Roberson had a discarded radio cabinet and from this she designed and had made a "what-not" at the total cost of fifty cents.

This home demonstration club woman does things on the outside as well as the inside of her home. She has completely landscaped her home. She rooted all of her plants from cuttings except two which cost her \$1.50. Besides this she has planted 12 peach, two pear, and two fig trees on her place. She loves flowers and has recently started a rose garden. She grows cut flowers too.

## Brining and Kraut

Sumter County women are interested in learning the best methods of brining and kraut making. At a recent leadership school held in the county Miss Lavada Curtis, food preservation specialist of the Extension Service, gave a demonstration and answered questions on these two subjects.

Representatives of Bluffport, Gainesville, Coatsville, Cuba, Ward, McConnell, Emelle, and Sumterville were present. Members attending included Mrs. Ryan Bush, Mrs. T. A. Hawkins, Mrs. Robert Fields, Mrs. C. G. Bolton, Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. P. M. Norwood, Sr., Mrs. Harry Spidle, Mrs. Bill Hall, Miss Virginia Honeycutt, Mrs. E. A. May, Mrs. C. H. Hearn, Mrs. E. B. Hearn, Mrs. A. S. VanHose, Mrs. J. J. McElroy, Mrs. H. E. Fuller, and Mrs. Perry Simpson.

## Grandma's Brooms

An income of \$61.75 from "everyday" broom straw and a little wool thread in just a few months' time is the record of Mrs. Harmon Benton, president of the South Perry Club in Perry County.

When asked how she happened to start selling brooms Mrs. Benton, president of the South Perry them down town to have wrapped to send away. One of my friends in the store saw them and suggested that I make a good many and let him see what he could do with them for me. This began my work with "grandma's hearth brooms." I have sold 247 of these brooms."



Gov. Frank Dixon is shown signing a proclamation setting aside the week of April 28-May 1 as "Better Homes Week," as P. O. Davis, director of extension work in Alabama, and Elma McLaugh, State home demonstration agent, look on. Throughout Alabama the better homes campaign has been aimed at stressing the importance of the home and family life.

## Foundation Of The State

(An Editorial)

By FRANK M. DIXON  
Governor

AS Alabamians we are working for a better State through a continued development of our agricultural and industrial resources. However, factories, mines, crops and markets are the means to an end. The goal is, and must continue to be, the family and the home. No civilization has ever prospered on any other basis.

We know that the home and its surroundings affect the happiness and welfare of every member of the family. Better Homes Week has been set aside to stress this fact and to give all of us an opportunity to take stock and see what can be done in providing for the home more of those things which make life worthwhile.

Home should be a place around which the life of members of the family centers. It should provide opportunities for developing an appreciation of the finer things of life. It should serve to strengthen family ties, and at the same time be a place in which friends can find enjoyment.

In rural Alabama every effort should be made to make the farm family's home secure. Farming as a way of life requires that the family be tied to the soil. It also requires that the family build and conserve the soil since this factor in the main determines the culture, comfort, and satisfaction which the farm family will enjoy.

Security also demands that the people develop customs and traditions which will be a source of both pride and pleasure. In recreation, in community relations, and in religion, each generation should be adding something that is wholesome, something which can be passed on for the benefit of future generations.

Alabama is still a young State. Its people can look back upon the past with pride; they can look forward with hope and confidence to future successes. In planning for the future we can be certain that every effort aimed at improving the standards of the home and developing a fuller and richer family life will be well rewarded. Any movement which has this as its goal deserves the earnest support of each of us.

## Aluminum Primer

Bennie Hubbard was the first person to use aluminum paint for a priming coat in the Harmon community. Last spring Mr. Hubbard began some improvements on his home under the direction of H. W. Dearing, assistant extension agricultural engineer. The success with which Mr. Hubbard covered all the

dark trimmings on his house and decreased the amount of paint needed for the second coat was quickly recognized by his neighbors.

Edd Hubbard is using it as a primer on his new house and Freeman Murphy plans to use it on his house, which has stood for 20 years unpainted, before painting it with regular paint.

## Pike Family Working On Demonstration

THE Harvey P. Johnson family, of Pike County, is quite busy these spring days. Besides the regular spring work, this family is interested in the farm and home demonstration project that they began on January 1.

The purpose of this demonstration is to assist the farm family in developing a practical, progressive example of an improved farm and home program, and to demonstrate the results obtained for the benefit of the community and county.

This family consists of the father, mother and four sons, ranging from five to 12 years of age.

The first step in the improvement of the home was the removal of an old pantry in the kitchen and the addition of beautiful plywood cabinets. These cabinets are standard size and design with sink the correct height for the housewife. The woodbox, one section of the cabinet, is next to the stove and can be filled from the outside of the house. The kitchen walls have been painted in light yellow which adds light and color to the room.

The next step the housewife wishes to take in the home improvement is to decorate and furnish a room for the family living room. A studio couch is being made chairs will be recovered, curtains added and walls painted.

The entire Johnson family unit is interested in this farm and home demonstration and will work together to complete it in a satisfactory way.

## Handicraft Profits

Mrs. Ila Odom, member of the Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club in Walker County, has made a net profit of \$127.52 from her handicraft work since last October.

She made a silk quilt from silk scraps on which she won a \$5.00 premium at the Walker County Fair last fall. She later sold the quilt for \$15, making a total income of \$20. She received \$107.52 for sewing for her neighbors, weaving sweaters for sale, and selling one of the two cotton mattresses which she made last fall.

Mrs. Odom used part of this money to buy a better sewing machine, which she believes will aid her in her money making activities. The remainder of the money was spent for clothing for her two children.

She is not only helping in every way possible to increase the income of her family but also believes in conserving home-grown products and living at home. She always makes sure that the family has an adequate supply of food for the winter. Her supply for last winter included 200 quarts of vegetables, two hogs, and an ample supply of dried fruits.





Shown at work on Macon County's first mattress in the state-wide campaign are Mrs. M. L. Segrest, of Milledgeville, whose family owns the first mattress, and Mrs. W. A. Reynolds, home demonstration club leader in the community.

## Farm Families Are Planning To Make 100,000 Mattresses

THROUGHOUT Alabama farm families are having an opportunity to make a cotton mattress for home use with materials which are supplied under a program now under way in 11 southern states. More than 100,000 mattresses will be made under the program in this state, according to an estimate by Etna McCaugh, state home demonstration agent.

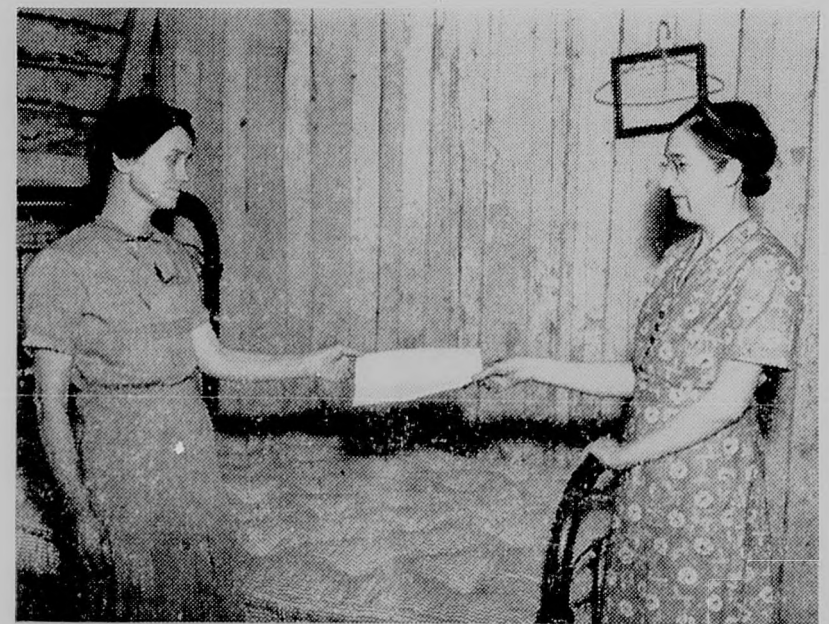
In each county the program is being organized on a community basis, with committees of leaders receiving applications and forwarding them to county AAA committees for checking.

Women leaders in each community are arranging for centers where the mattresses are to be made.

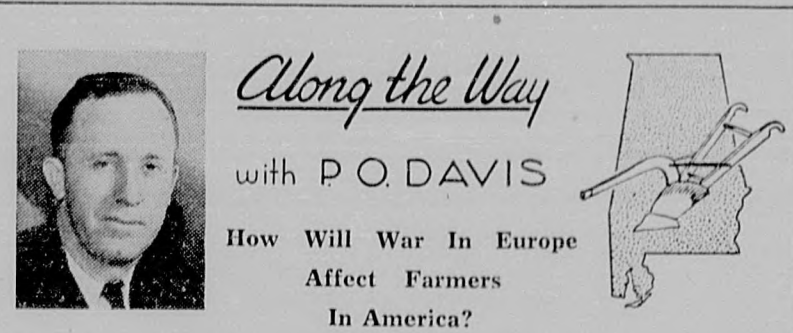
Fifty pounds of cotton and 10

yards of ticking are supplied to each family which qualifies. Under the rules governing the distribution of the surplus cotton and ticking, which is being supplied by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, farm families must have had an income of \$400.00 or less last year to qualify. Due to the crop failure in many sections of the state last year, a larger percentage of farm families will qualify than would ordinarily be expected.

Families who receive the cotton and ticking must also get more than half of their normal income from farming. Only one unit of materials may go to each household and families agree to make the mattress and not to dispose of it.



Mrs. M. L. Segrest, of the Milledgeville community in Macon County, is shown handing Mrs. W. A. Reynolds, local leader, the certificate which is to be turned in showing that her mattress has been made. The mattress is shown on a bed in Mrs. Segrest's home.



WAR is a gruesome thing to talk about but it is also a reality that has affected people from the earliest history. And 1940 is no exception. In Europe as this is being written, war is spreading and increasing in terror and destruction. It is also increasing in its disturbance of international relations, present and future.

Denmark, for example, recently became directly involved. Under normal conditions Danish farmers produce much lard and bacon for England. This relation is now upset. Perhaps American lard and bacon will find, temporarily, a better market abroad, or in England. We don't know.

But we keep asking ourselves what the future will be. For the present and the past of this war we know that American farmers have had very little increase in demands for their products.

Already much destruction has been wrought. This means that the nations at war are poorer than they were at the beginning. When it ends they will be poorer than at present because the forces of destruction are now working under great pressure.

This means that these nations will be less able to buy products from American farms and factories. Hence, there will be less demand.

If post-war developments run true to history the nations at war will make a renewed effort to produce their own needs of products of all kinds. This will be a desire and also a necessity. Consequently, they will buy less from us of those things which they can produce for themselves.

Viewing both the present and the future we must admit, therefore, that even European wars are bad for us. To be sure we have not yet recovered from the ill effects of the World War of 1914-18.

So we ask ourselves what to do about it. The best answer that I can give is that Alabama farmers should farm to do a good job of living at home rather than farm for cash with which to buy a living. It is still true that a farmer who takes good care of his land and buildings and does a good job of feeding his family and his livestock is not far from a good farmer. He needs cash, of course, but the farmer who does farm to make a good living at home can get along with a nominal amount of cash and the cash that he has will go a long way in buying needs other than those already on the farm.

The farmer who starts with good farming at home is actually creating jobs for his family by producing many things which they would not otherwise enjoy.

And this is a vital need. Right now there are 1,250,000 older boys and girls who in the United States are stranded between an insufficiency on the farm and nothing to do in town. Certainly they are better and safer on the farm but they need a bigger and better opportunity.

In a way they are like the ship that was lost at sea and without water for drinking. The sailors were perishing for water. Time and again the distress signal was sent out. Finally a message came admonishing them to let down their bucket where where they were because they were at the mouth of a big river of fresh water.

This is another way of saying that we are our own keepers which means that we must go as far as we can in solving our own problems.

In making the above statements I am mindful that farmers are confronted with many big problems which will not be solved by independent and individual action among farmers. They, like other groups, need the power of organization. When we compare farmer income per hour of work with that of other groups we must admit that farmers are in dire need of the power of organization, and lots of it.

Good individual farming combined with strong collective action through a constructive organization is a formula to higher income, greater security, and better living among farmers, their wives and their children.

Another "Better Homes Week" is being observed. In Alabama Miss Etna McCaugh, state home agent at Auburn, was the leader. Governor Frank M. Dixon issued a proclamation on it.

It impressed me with many important facts about our farm home. It reminded me that fully 90 per cent of them need paint; and that about the same number need running water, not to mention many other deficiencies.

I realize, of course, that money is needed in painting buildings and installing plumbing but it is also true that lots of minor repairs and improvements can be done with very little expenditure of cash.

The fact that so much time is spent in a home by all members of the family is convincing evidence for making the home the best that labor and money available will make it in comfort and convenience.



## "BOOKS FOR EVERY HOME"

Goal of Library Projects

At top are shown some of the members of the Tallapoosa County library board and Peter Brannon, curator of the State Department of Archives and History, and member of the state library board, Harry Hertzfield, Alex City, Mrs. T. C. Garlinton, Camp Hill, Mrs. Bill Sheeley, Dadeville, are shown with Mr. Brannon on the day Tallapoosa's library project was started.

Lower left, Mrs. Basil King, county activities chairman of the home demonstration club council, Nellie Lynn, librarian, and Mrs. DeWitt Barnes, president of the Reeltown home demonstration club are shown looking over the books which had just been received for Reeltown's community library. The library is located in the community clubhouse.

Right, Miss Catherine King, Mrs. Ruth Cosby and Miss Ruth Newman, all of Reeltown, are shown reading in the community clubhouse.

By G. M. BEECH  
BOOKS within reach of every home.

That is a goal which is not as far off as it once was with the program of community libraries already a fact in six Alabama counties and plans underway for four more in the near future.

In recent weeks Tallapoosa and Macon have set up county-wide library systems with the cooperation of the WPA, the State Library Board and their respective county commissions and with home demonstration clubs sponsoring units in the individual communities. Tallapoosa has 10 rural library units and Macon 16.

Tallapoosa County home demonstration clubs began a determined effort to set up a library system last year at their county rally. In voicing the views of home demonstration club membership in the county, Mrs. J. F. Webster, president of the county council, said at that time, "We're going to have a library system." There was no "if" about it.

Soon afterwards, home demonstration clubs in the county joined the subscription library sponsored by the Worthwhile Club, Dadeville women's civic organization. Maude Clark, county agent, acted as distributor under this system and would bring a new selection of books to club meetings for use by the members.

When the clubs were informed of the provisions of an act passed by the legislature setting up a state library board, they were quick to take advantage of it. Under this legislation the state board is authorized to match funds raised by counties for library purposes.

The Professional and Service Projects division of the WPA is working with the state board and county boards on library projects. Lois L. Rainer is director of the state library division of the WPA and also coordinates the work of this agency with the state library board.

The next step in achieving Tallapoosa's goal was a request for \$500 from the county board of review—which was granted on condition that the money be matched with funds raised through organizations and private donations. Every home demonstration club in the county contributed to this fund, as did civic organizations in Dadeville.

Alex City and Camp Hill, and more than \$700.00 was raised.

With funds assured from the county, the state library board and WPA agreed to participate.

Recently more than one thousand books were distributed to the various units in the county. Town units are located in Dadeville, Alex City and Camp Hill. Home demonstration clubs are sponsoring rural units in the following communities: Jackson's Gap, New Site, Eagle Creek, Concord, Pine Grove, Hackneyville, Reeltown, Elam, Union and Poplar Springs. The following communities are to receive library books when a worker is approved: Daviston, Midway, Flint Hill, Duncan and Sandy Creek.

It was natural that the home demonstration clubs should be eager to take advantage of this opportunity since they had been working to establish a library system long before it was known that it would be possible to have such a complete set-up," says Miss Clark. "At every club meeting in the past the members always looked forward to finding out what new books were included in the Worthwhile Club sets which were taken from one club to another."

The WPA is providing part-time workers for both the town and rural libraries. Libraries in the communities named will be opened afternoons from one until six o'clock. Some of the units are located in community clubhouses—of which Tallapoosa has seven—and others are located in homes, vacant stores and in one instance, the Sunday School room of a church.

Books from the community libraries will be exchanged each month for a different selection, but books which are popular in a community will be allowed to remain as long as there is a demand for them. From time to time books in the county will be returned to the state exchange in Montgomery and a new selection returned.

When Tallapoosa inaugurated its library system, Peter Brannon, curator of the State Department of Archives and History, represented the State board. Members of Tallapoosa's county board are: Harry Hertzfield, Alexander City, chairman; Mrs. W. G. Sheeley, Dadeville, secretary; Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Daviston, home demonstration club representative; Harry Berkstroscher, Dadeville, and Mrs. Garlinton, Camp Hill.



## Henry Family Improves Home

MRS. L. D. Smith, a member of the Bowen home demonstration club in Henry County and an industrious homemaker, has carried out a number of worthwhile projects which have contributed to the appearance and comfort of her home.

The first big job was the remodeling of her home. Mrs. Smith drew up her own plan and actually took a part in the work. She painted part of her walls and old floors and stained her new ones. Her goal now is new floors throughout her home.

Mrs. Smith said that the total cost of remodeling her home was around \$800. Anyone who sees it will certainly class it as an up-to-date comfortable home.

Mrs. Smith is carrying out one of the 68 three-year landscaping demonstrations now under way in Henry County. This is her first year but she already has all her shrubs in place and has set grass on her lawn and built a cement walk for the total cost of \$14.00.



Landscaping takes time, but it is worth the effort as this view of the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Stewart of Ralph shows. Mrs. Stewart is proud of the fact that she uses native materials and native shrubbery in developing the grounds of her home.

## Sometimes It's Necessary To Landscape A Railroad

By MRS. JIM CLEVELAND  
Bibb County

TEN years ago this November I moved into my home. The house had been built about five years. Directly in front of our home is the railway land. When the railway went through, years before, enough space was left to build section houses. However, this was never done and the ground left for that was used for a general dumping ground, which produced yearly an enormous crop of yellow top weeds.

The first thing we did was to get a lease from the railway on the land in front and on each side of our home. The next step was to get rid of the yellow top weeds. I had my lawn and this area broken with a two horse plow, harrowed and rolled, then sowed with evergreen grass seed. The drought got the grass seed that year, but the yellow top survived. We tried cutting the yellow top with a seed cutter, but found this did very little good. The following spring I had the lawn broken and sowed the second time. This year we began pulling the weeds by hand. Destroying yellow top is a long tedious job. It took seven years of the ten to get this lawn area completely free.

There wasn't any shrubbery on the place when we moved there. I started from "scratch." The first year I bought two abelias, one Japanese snow ball and one weigela. The next year I bought several arbutus, because they were cheap. I tried to use arbutus for foundation plants altogether. In a few years I realized my mistake. I made many mistakes from not knowing the nature and characteristics of the plants. If I could have had some help at that time in planning, which is possible since we have a home agent, some of my mistakes could have been avoided.

## Lunch From Home

At a recent leadership school Mrs. Russel White, of the Russell Club in Mobile County, brought in her lunch homemade bread, homemade butter sandwich, homemade cheese sandwich, and a ham sandwich from a home-produced and cured ham.

Mrs. P. D. Summer, of the Tanner-Williams Club, plans her meals using every product possible that she produces at home. A meal served at her home recently consisted of homemade cheese, canned peas, home-baked bread, home-cured ham, and blue berry pie from berries which she canned last year.

## Step By Step To A Beautiful Room

In carrying out her plans for a living room demonstration, Miss Virginia Honeycutt, of Cuba in Sumter County, took these steps:

The room was refloored and finished with clear varnish. Next she refinished an old book case which had long been discarded. She mixed her own varnish remover, obtaining directions through her home demonstration club. She removed all old paint and varnish, then sanded it, and rubbed it down with linseed oil and turpentine. This brought out the grain in the wood and gave it a soft finish. It was necessary to rub until all the oil film was gone from the surface. The fireplace was finished in the same manner. A varnish can be applied any time after the cleaning is done.

The three-piece overstuffed living room suite was the next improvement. Slip covers were made as a result of the demonstration given on slip covers at the home demonstration meeting. These colorful covers added much to the appearance of the room. Miss Honeycutt plans to add a rug and new draperies in the future.

## Cleanup Day

Getting a head start on Better Homes Week, the Intercourse club of Sumter County, sponsored cleanup day at their community house recently.

The day was planned by the women at their club meeting and later discussed in the community. In addition to the women about 20 men and children joined in working all day on improving the grounds around the community house. Brush was cleared away, grounds leveled, old lumber and trash disposed of, and trees, shrubs and flowers put out.

The next step planned is to underpin the house and sod the lawn. The women plan to follow up with a campaign to improve the appearance of all homes in the community.

## Imagination And---

An example of what can be done with a little money and a lot of imagination is the improvement Mrs. O. A. Stapp, of Pickens County, has made in her home. "I had a three piece living room suite and two chairs which were almost past using when our home agent, Miss Florence Mullins, suggested that we have a one-day meeting at the club and repupholster the pieces as a demonstration," she says.

The materials used cost less than \$6, including upholstering material, webbing, and thread. All of the old upholstering was torn off and the work was begun on the bare frames. When it was finished the furniture was most attractive and especially in the amount of fruits and vegetables. This led me to revise my garden plans. Our demonstration agent helped us work out a canning budget, which I wanted

to live up to but didn't quite make it. I am in a condition to do better this year.

"By keeping a food expenditure record I got my husband budget conscious. The results have been cash savings, a greater variety of meals, harder appetites, better health, and better family cooperation. I have mentioned the ways my family has been helped by the food program, but I think I can truly say there are many other families of the community who have been helped fully as much. Stress and strain have been laid on the dietary diseases, anemia and pellagra. By planning our family food supply we can help reduce the number of cases in the country."



Top: Only a short time ago the chair and sofa in the living room of Mrs. T. B. Coburn who lives in the Water Plant community in Franklin County were little more than frames. Mrs. Coburn, who is shown with her dog, "Big Boy," mended the furniture and for \$3.00 bought enough cretonne with which to upholster the two pieces. Mrs. Coburn also has two homemade mattresses.

Right: When Mrs. Vester Hester began to "do over" her house, one of the first things she did was to get her husband to help her make cabinets. In addition to the one shown above where she is working, she has a large built-in unit, and the entire kitchen is conveniently arranged and well-lighted. Mrs. Hester, a leader in home demonstration work in Franklin County, is an expert at brining and is shown filling jars in this picture.

## Burmeister's Better Beans

FOLLOWING improved methods food preservation has certainly changed the attitude of the Burmeister family toward canned foods, states Mrs. Katie Burmeister, of the Fairhope Homemakers Club in Baldwin County. For several years Mrs. Burmeister has gathered beans from the field after shipping season and canned in large quantities, frequently picking them in the afternoon and canning all the next day.

Mrs. Burmeister was present at a canning demonstration last year and learned that if one uses fresh picked vegetables—preferably one hour from the garden to the can—and the latest information on selection, processing and storing, the final product is comparable with the same product that is freshly

cooked. As a result Mrs. Burmeister picked her beans from the garden daily and canned a few quarts each day of the young, tender beans, while she prepared her noon meal.

Mrs. Burmeister says, "I canned for the first time a few jars at a time. They are tender, sweet and have a natural fresh bean flavor. Previous to this time, I picked beans and canned them in quantities. They did not have a good flavor and my family refused to eat them. Now, when I send one of the boys to the cellar for vegetables, they do not slight the beans. I have only two quarts of the 54 I put up in 1939."

"Best of all," says Mrs. Burmeister, "by canning a few vegetables each day my canning was done without so much work and worry."

## Sold On Budget

THE foods program that was carried in my club this year has had a great effect on me as a homemaker," says Mrs. Glenn Huggins of the Odum Club in Butler County. "It has been a guide for me in securing enough of certain food groups in my daily meals."

"I discovered that our farm food supply, which I thought was ample did not enable us to live up to the standard in certain respects, especially in the amount of fruits and vegetables. This led me to revise my garden plans. Our demonstration agent helped us work out a canning budget, which I wanted



## What Has Proved Sound For My Family May Be For Yours

By MRS. ROSA HUGHES  
Pickens County

I AM convinced that every family should have a year-round garden. I have had one for the past two years and have found it to be very profitable both in supplying our own needs for vegetables and in supplementing our income.

During the past year, even though the weather was unfavorable, we canned 60 quarts of vegetables, 60 quarts of fruits and fruit juices, and a good supply of jellies, preserves, and pickles. We have found that we do not need so much canned foods when we have a fall and winter garden, therefore, the amount we canned, even though small, was sufficient for our family of three.

From our fall planting we had green peas, butter peas, butter beans, string beans and tomatoes. We sold 122 pounds of string beans at 3 cents a pound, a few tomatoes at 6 cents, and a few butter beans. In all we sold \$7.00 worth of vegetables from our fall planting.

We have had turnips, collards, onions, and cabbage throughout the winter and have sold a few turnips. However, the greatest value of our fall and winter garden has been the supply of fresh vegetables at a time when they are scarce in a good many homes.

In addition to a year-round garden we have a good supply of milk

and butter for our own use and have a small surplus to sell. In a ten-week period we made \$11.49 from milk sales.

Our poultry has played an important part in our live-at-home program also. We have had plenty of eggs and chickens throughout the year and a surplus to sell.

Our hopes are greater for the 1940 live-at-home program for it's the best home farm relief we know of.

## Homes Pilgrimage

An unusual way of celebrating Better Homes Week is that adopted by the Abbeville Club in Henry County. One feature of the celebration is a pilgrimage to beauty spots in and near the town.

Among the things of interest are: well arranged living rooms, dining rooms, cedar lined closets and up-to-date kitchens, boys rooms made from waste space in the attic, a garage apartment and one home under construction.

Other exhibits include table arrangements for informal dinners and breakfasts. Some are displaying old china, glassware, silver, rare linens and antique furniture.

A place of particular interest is the old Lightfoot home, one of the three anti-bellum homes of Abbeville and one of the show places of yesterday, which will be reopened for this occasion.



## Lauderdale Is Working Hard On Pastures

**S**OIL building is a hobby with A. H. Barnett, county agent in Lauderdale, and he can really prove it when he says that Lauderdale County farmers have increased their winter legumes from 4,500 acres in 1937 to 32,873 acres in 1939.

This county has one-eighth of the world's supply of Willamette Vetch planted for seed production in the spring of 1940 from which farmers plan to gather well over a million pounds of seed.

Willamette is a new vetch that experiments at the Belle Mina experiment station indicate will seed well in north Alabama. Mr. Barnett who is always on the look-out for the newest and best things for the farmers of the county he serves, did some effective work in getting Lauderdale farmers started on a vetch that will seed in the South. If the experiments already conducted with obtaining seed from Willamette vetch prove successful in the field, farmers will have a new source of hay which surpasses any now available.

Over 300 boys have been trained in terracing to prevent soil erosion in the county, and this training was largely responsible for the big increase in terracing, according to reports.

Pastures and livestock must follow, says Mr. Barnett, and to prove this he says farmers are developing over 800 permanent pastures, of from one to sixty acres in size. The pasture program was financed through the AAA grant of aid program. Not only will these pastures mean more livestock, but they will provide an additional cash income from seed harvested from the pastures, it is expected. Mr. Barnett says that some farmers sold several hundred dollars of seed from pastures that were grazed constantly through the year.

The cooperation shown by Lauderdale County farmers is the reason the program is proving successful, Mr. Barnett states. He also says that not only are the farmers cooperating but that all county officials, and the business leaders of the county have had their part in the advance now being shown by the county.

## Pastures

(Continued from page two of Alabama's big problems is finding profitable employment for the farm population the small dairy herd is expected to play an increasingly big part in the progress of rural Alabama.

Typical of the small dairy operators is Mr. Robert Barrows who lives on the Blue Springs road in Madison County. Even in the winter months Mr. Barrows was able to sell more than \$50 worth of milk a month from his six cows. He depends on home grown feed and permanent pasture for his feed



This picture has been used to convince Lauderdale farmers of the value of applying basic slag. Basic slag was applied to the hairy vetch on the left at the rate of 500 pounds to the acre. No basic slag was applied on the right. The same amount of seed was used on both sides of the field. The picture was taken some time ago on the farm of J. H. Rickard, County Agent A. H. Barnett is shown pointing to the heavy growth of vetch on the left.

## Year-Round Forage Can Lick Low Hog Prices

**By J. C. LOWERY**

**L**OW prices for hogs combined with a shortage of feed crops has discouraged many farmers who depend upon hog production for part of their income. To "get out" of hog production entirely is often costly, since the price of brood sows always goes up when the market rises and there is widespread demand.

Farmers who plan ahead and produce their own feed can prevent losses, and even make a profit, in times of low hog prices. Feed is the biggest cost in hog production, and profits depend upon the amount and kind of feed available.

With a well balanced year-round grazing system it is not necessary to use large amounts of high priced concentrated feeds except during a very few months. There is a great variety of forage crops which can be grown in Alabama and the farmer who plans his production can provide a well rounded supply of feed. The accompanying table shows the period of time that various crops may be depended upon for grazing.

Among the crops which can supply forage for hogs are oats, rye, wheat, barley, lespedeza, crimson clover, corn, peanuts, cowpeas, Oatman soybeans, kudzu, alfalfa, millet, sorghum, Sudan grass and rape. In addition to corn and peanuts there are a number of crops which farmers are planting now or can plan to plant in the near future to provide food for the next few months. The following should be considered:

**Cowpeas**  
Cowpeas fit well into hog-grazing systems. Best results are obtained on the sandy or light soils of the State, though the crop is well adapted to practically every section of Alabama.

Cowpeas may be planted from the time that danger of frost is past until late July. By beginning with early- and quick-maturing varieties, or by making several plantings, a long grazing period may be provided. Brimham and Whippoorwill are good varieties for grazing. Brimham should be grown where cotton will be common.

Drill two to four pecks or broadcast six to eight pecks of cowpeas per acre.

**Oatman Soybeans**  
Provide about one-half acre of Oatmans for each litter that will be on the farm by July 1. Plant during the middle of April in three-foot rows with 8-, 10-, 12-inch shelled runner peanut plate. This will take 18 to 20 pounds of seed per acre. Cover Oatmans about like covering cowpeas. Cultivate like runner peanuts but do not hoe. Oatmans will make a good crop on good land without fertilizers, but the use of 200 pounds of superphosphate or 400 pounds of basic slag per acre will pay.

Begin grazing when the plants are 12 to 18 inches high, which ordinarily will be around July first. Raze as long as green stems and leaves are present or until hogs are moved to Spanish peanuts, runner peanuts, or other grazing crops.

**Other Crops**  
For grazing hogs, legumes are usually preferable to non-legumes. If desired, however, the following crops may be grown:

**Millet**: The great value of this crop lies in its ability to furnish pasture early in the summer, the period during which it is difficult to provide cheap feed. Hogs should be turned on early when the plants are not more than six to eight inches high. If properly pastured, this crop will carry a large number of hogs on a small acreage.

**At the annual meeting of the Lowndes County council of home demonstrations clubs to be held during Better Homes Week rules of the organization's scholarship fund will be announced.**

If two or three different plantings are made during March, April and May, the grazing period may last from the middle of May through September. Sow one-third bushel per acre.

**Sorghum**: Early plantings will furnish grazing during June and July. The crop is adapted to practically all soils of the State. It has very desirable drought-resistant qualities and is one of the easiest crops to grow in Alabama. A supply of seed can be saved on the farm.

**Sorghum** gives a wonderful response to manure and nitrogenous fertilizers. It can be planted from March until well up in July. Early planting is planned for early hog feed. Yields of the Orange variety are heavier and extend over a longer period.

Drill at rate of two to three pecks per acre in rows wide enough to permit one or two cultivations, or broadcast four to eight pecks per acre.

**Sudan Grass**: Hogs relish this grass, and they will make good gains on a Sudan pasture with 60 to 70 per cent of the customary grain ration.

Sudan is not exacting in its soil requirements. Plant 20 to 30 pounds per acre after the soil has warmed up in the spring—about cotton-planting time.

When plants have begun growing, apply 100 pounds per acre of either nitrate of soda or nitrate of lime.

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## Carmley And Brock Lead In Probate Race Andrews Leads In Coffee; Brannen Defeats Parks Gladys Clark Beats Two Opponents; Dunaway Is Re-elected

### Willis Wilson, Fountain Lee And Fulton Clark Lead For County Commissioner Posts

More than forty-five hundred Coffee County citizens cast ballots in the primary election Tuesday. In practically every voting precinct a record number of votes were cast, and so far as we have been able to ascertain everything moved off smoothly.

Interest in the election in Coffee County was centered in contests for County Commissioners' seats, with a number of other races drawing some fire during the last week of the campaign.

Although all returns are unofficial, we are presenting a complete report on all county races as well as some others. In the race for Judge of Probate, Judge Carmley led the field with a total of 2,091, not enough, however, to have a victory over all opponents. John W. Brock ran second with a total of 1,210. J. M. Rowe was third with 1,037, and C. C. Peacock trailed far behind and received only 180.

Mr. Brock and Judge Carmley will be in the run-off on June 4. In the race for Circuit Clerk, Miss Gladys Clark, the first woman in the county who has ever been a candidate for county office, has a majority of 408 votes over both her opponents. She received 2,457 votes, Mr. Hutchison 1,532 and Mr. Martin 797.

Charles C. Brannen of Troy has defeated Judge W. L. Parks for the State-wide office and district offices, we are only giving the total vote for each candidate in this race. These figures only show the returns from 22 out of 31 boxes in the county. Here is the vote on the contested State races:

**For Associate Justice of Supreme Court**  
J. Ed Livingston 1,738  
Davis Stakeley 739

**For President of Alabama Public Service Commission**  
Gordon Persons 1,729  
Hugh White 913

**For National Committeewoman**  
Mrs. Leonard Thomas 982  
Mrs. Ruby Robinson 726

**For Delegate to the Democratic National Convention From the State at Large**  
Anderson 733  
Ayres 535  
Bankhead 1,676  
Carmichael 1,612  
Hill 1,799  
Stearns 1,567

**For Delegate to the Democratic National Convention From Third District**  
Andrews Steagall  
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Beat 2 49 44  
Beat 3 86 59  
Beat 4 58 22  
Beat 5 32 27  
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